

FRANCIS CREATES SHORTEST TIME RECORD FOR INTERVIEWING CROWNED HEADS.

Exposition President Travels 8,000 Miles, Wins Favor of King Edward, President Loubet, Emperor William and King Alfonso. Banquets Three Times Each Day, Captures Victoria's \$1,000, 1900 Jubilee Jewels and Has Royal Commissions Appointed, All in Twenty-Two Days.

England—Received an invitation, on landing at Havre, to attend King Edward's levee.

Met by Exposition Commissioners to Europe on arrival at station in the British capital.

Luncheon and talk with Joseph H. Choate, United States Ambassador to the Court of St. James.

Called on prominent Americans stopping in London the afternoon of the day of his arrival.

Attended dinner at the Carlton Hotel as the guest of J. C. Stewart, the famous American contractor.

Attended a tea given by Lady Barrington to some of the smart set of London.

Presented by Ambassador Choate to King Edward at a levee in Buckingham Palace.

Luncheon with Earl Gray.

Guest of honor at the Pilgrims dinner of the American Society in London, where he made an address on the World's Fair to leading Government officials, merchant princes and literary men of the Kingdom.

Luncheon with Marcus Samuel, Lord Mayor of London, in the Guild Hall, where he met other influential tradesmen, and made a speech.

Private audience granted by King Edward at Buckingham Palace, where President Francis talked with the monarch regarding British participation at the Exposition.

Secured a promise from the King that the jubilee jewels of Queen Victoria would be sent to the Exposition as an exhibit and special mark of favor on the monarch's part.

Dinner at Mrs. Ronald's, former social leader in New York.

Luncheon with Lord Lansdowne, British Foreign Secretary, who will appoint the members of the Royal Commission to the World's Fair.

Luncheon by Chief Justice Lord Alverstone.

France—Entertained at Cafe Ritz as a guest of the French Government.

Breakfast with M. Michel Lagrange, Commissioner General from France to the World's Fair; discussed the French participation.

Dinner with M. Trouillot, Minister of Commerce, where President Francis made a short speech.

Special audience granted by President Loubet, where the French participation was fully discussed, and President Francis diplomatically invited the President to visit the Exposition.

Attended grand opera in the evening as the guest of the President of France, and later attended a grand ball at the Elysee Palace, on the invitation of the President.

Received by Ambassador Porter, where the co-operation of the United States diplomatic service in France was discussed.

Informal reception by President Francis to the Deputies of the French Chambers, where he interested them in the Exposition.

Speech by President Francis at the Paris Chamber of Commerce, in which the plan and scope of the World's Fair was made clear.

Spain—Breakfast with United States Minister Hardy and his staff at the Embassy in Madrid.

Called on Premier Silveira and the Minister of State, and received assurances that two commissions would be appointed to the St. Louis Exposition.

No audience with King Alfonso because the Spanish court was in mourning and sufficient assurances had been made by the Ministers.

Called on the Marquis Jomillas, president of the Compania Transatlantica, where rates of tourists to St. Louis were discussed.

Germany—Presented to Emperor William by United States Ambassador Charlemagne Tower, to be followed by a number of social events.

President David R. Francis has interviewed more crowned heads in less time than any one else in the history of the world.

His whirlwind tour of European capitals in the interest of the St. Louis Exposition has been the talk of the week on two continents.

In accomplishing this meteoric feat, he has ridden the waves and driven the steam horse 7,300 miles across land and sea.

Within fifteen days he visited four seats of foreign Governments to tell them that the queen of expositions would open in 1904.

He has won the friendly influence of Edward, King of Britain, President Loubet of France, Emperor William of Germany and King Alfonso of Spain.

He has secured a promise of the display of Queen Victoria's jubilee jewels, valued at \$100,000, and has brought about the rapid appointment of royal commissions.

He has made speeches innumerable, has been welcomed and dined by kings, emperors, presidents, and has paid their homage through his personality, to the supremacy of America.

The killing speed he has maintained has stirred the deliberate blood of the nations in the Old World. President Francis in their eyes is the wizard of all the peace-making Americans who have gone abroad.

They are amazed that he has been able, under the excitement of rapid travel, to carry a strenuous tour with him, to whom regular Exposition business is dictated in spare moments.

The sanest sort of method shines through

the apparent madness of this fast-flying Missourian. Something was needed to awaken an older civilization from its centuries of lethargy. President Francis has impressed upon them that life is short and time is fleeting; that expositions await no man.

If he sails from Bremen to-morrow by the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, according to schedule, he will arrive in St. Louis the following Monday, after an absence of twenty-two days, yet it is possible he may decide to compute more rulers, and be detained until the last of March.

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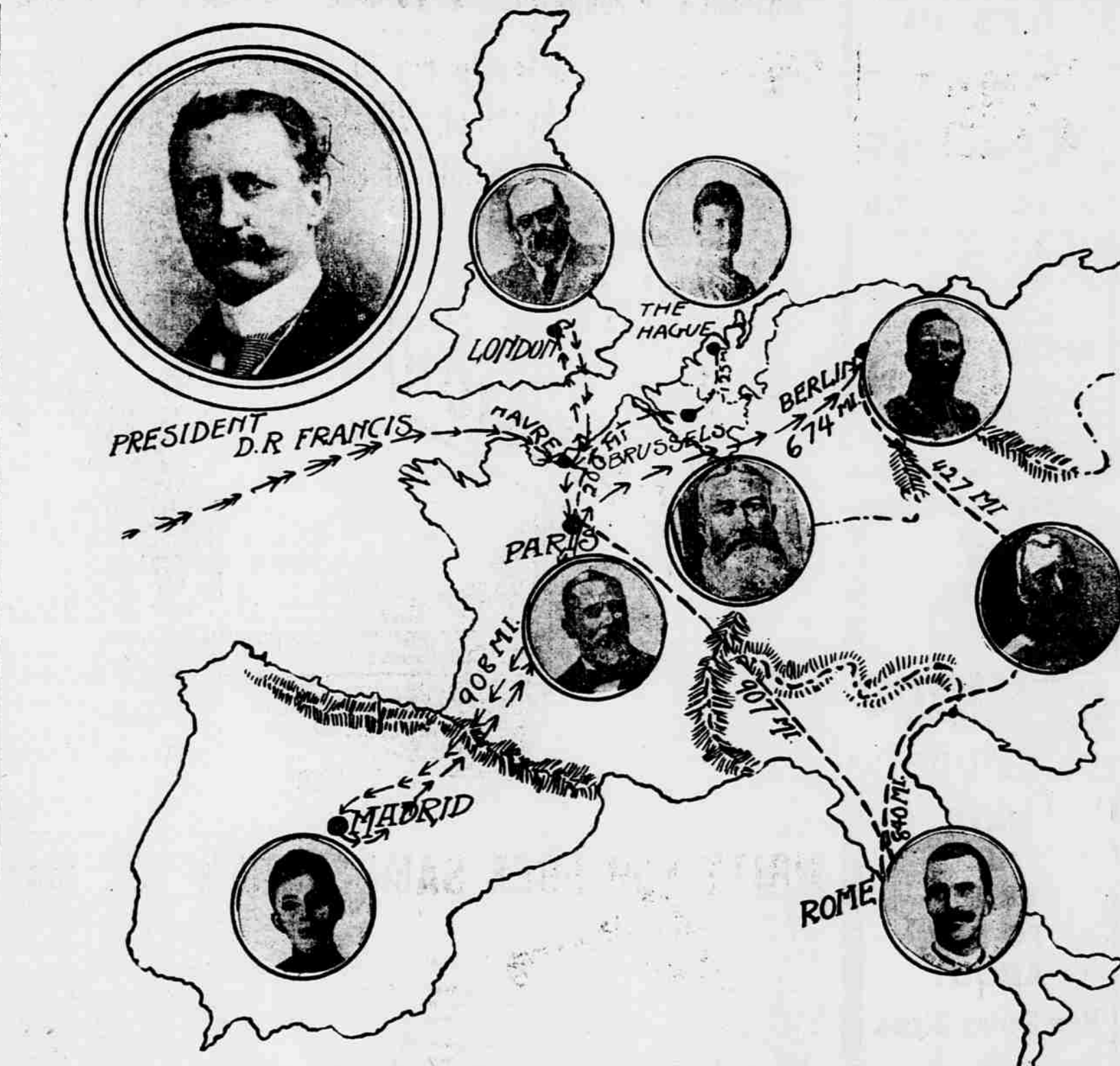
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President Francis has astonished Continental Europe as well as England by the speed with which he has come in contact with the men who control affairs of the world-powers. From London to Paris, he hurried, then to Madrid, back to Paris where he made a speech in French at a banquet between trains. Now he is on his way to Berlin, where he will meet Emperor William, and from there, it is understood in St. Louis, he will go to St. Petersburg, Vienna, Rome, to Paris again, and finally to Brussels and The Hague. A dispatch from Berlin says that he will start home from that place, but this is not credited in St. Louis.

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SOVNER GOES TO JAIL WHEN BARTFELD SURRENDERS BOND

Fear That Defendant Would Not Appear Promptly Surety to Turn Over Charge to Sheriff.

Henry Bartfeld of No. 114 North Eighth street, surety on the bonds of Max Sovner, one of the brothers who are charged with leading property for immoral purposes, yesterday turned Sovner over to the Sheriff on his bond.

Sovner declares he had no intention to flee from the charges against him, but it is understood that Bartfeld had intimation that the man for whom he had signed two \$100 bonds might not be in court when the cases were called.

Sovner was allowed to sit in the Sheriff's office until 6 o'clock, while he sent for new bondsmen. At that hour the prospective bondsmen did not appear and Sovner was locked up.

"Bartfeld came to me and asked to be allowed to sign my bond," said Sovner. "I had a bondman, but when Bartfeld volunteered I accepted his offer. Now I suppose it will be hard for me to give another bond, as other persons will fear that Bartfeld would run away for I do not fear the charges against me, and I will be on hand for trial when my cases are called if I can get another bondman."

The report was also current that the Sheriff had been requested to bring in Louis Sovner, but at the Sheriff's office it was said that no such request had been made.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. San Francisco, March 7.—Henry Herting, a saloonkeeper, attacked his wife and two boys in a drunken frenzy, struck his 11-year-old daughter when she interfered in their behavior, then anticipating arrest he took strychnine and died soon after he was taken into custody.

Herting had been drinking heavily for several days. When he threatened his wife and two small boys with violence, his daughter sought to restrain him, and he struck her.

Neighbors came to her assistance, and went in search of a policeman to take Herting into custody. He appeared to be strychnine and died soon after the arrest and it is believed that he took the poison before the arrival of the policeman.

Herting walked sullenly to the police station and stood at the desk while the charge was being entered. He was suddenly seized by violent convuls